



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 192

LCO No. 983

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS FOR INDIVIDUAL OR
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2011*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "carrier" means an insurer, health care center, hospital service
3 corporation, medical service corporation or other entity delivering,
4 issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing any individual
5 or group health insurance policy in this state, providing coverage of
6 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section
7 38a-469 of the general statutes.
- 8 (b) Where applicable, each carrier shall allow an insured or
9 certificate holder to designate a participating, in-network physician or
10 advanced practice registered nurse as such insured's or certificate
11 holder's primary care provider.
- 12 (c) Each carrier shall provide annually to each insured or certificate
13 holder a listing of all providers available under the provisions of the
14 insured's or certificate holder's enrollment agreement, in writing or

15 through the Internet at the option of the insured or the certificate
16 holder.

17 Sec. 2. Section 38a-478d of the general statutes is repealed and the
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2011*):

19 For any contract delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended
20 or continued in this state, [on or after October 1, 1997,] each managed
21 care organization shall provide: (1) Annually to each enrollee a listing
22 of all providers available under the provisions of the enrollee's
23 enrollment agreement, in writing or through the Internet at the option
24 of the enrollee; and (2) notification, as soon as possible, to each enrollee
25 in a managed care plan that requires the selection of a primary care
26 [physician] provider, as specified in section 1 of this act, upon the
27 termination or withdrawal of the enrollee's primary care [physician]
28 provider.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2011</i>	38a-478d

Statement of Purpose:

To allow an insured or certificate holder to designate a participating, in-network physician or advanced practice registered nurse as such insured's or certificate holder's primary care provider.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]